

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
January 9, 2015

Dates to Remember:

January 19, 2015 – City Offices Closed – MLK Holiday – no residential garbage pickup
January 22, 2015 – City Commission Workshop
January 26, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Greens have been spiked and top dressed, and a granular application of fertilizer has been applied. Greens were also sprayed with an application of fungicide and a foliar fertilizer.
- The waste areas on #8 and #11 were sprayed with Round Up and then cleaned up to remove unsightly dead foliage.
- Repair of golf carts continues with bushings in the front end. Batteries continue to be one of the main problem. These issues are being repaired by the golf course maintenance staff.
- On December 27, the golf course hosted the Men's Club Championship. We had great play and congratulate the winners of the championship who were gross, Ray Rende and net, Steve Conrad.
- The winter play continues to increase. The golf course had over 100 players on Tuesday, January 6.
- The Elks S.E. District Golf Tournament is Saturday, January 10. Spots are still available. Please call the pro shop to sign up.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Traffic flowed smoothly for the early morning launches at the BFL Tournament last weekend. No police related issues reported.
- A vehicle was stolen from Marathon West. The driver left the engine running and the door open while shopping in the store. The vehicle was recovered in South Bay and the investigation continues.
- New Year's Eve was unremarkable serving up the usual gunshots and fireworks complaints, coupled with heavy domestic disturbances and a few DUI's.

- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

1231	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
620	Complaints Investigated
12	Arrests Made
15	Traffic Citations
8	Warnings Issued
4	Code Enforcement Cases Opened
10	Trespass Notices Issued
70	Merchant Escorts Provided
14	Alarms Responded To
4	Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: All contract requirements for the 2014 year have been completed. Public Works Director Scheffler will be meeting with the contractor to set a preliminary schedule for the coming year.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff power washed the new guard rail, curb, poles and yellow lines at the boat ramps on Thursday and are scheduled to paint on Friday. (2) The "Welcome" banner and flags were installed at the boat basin last week to help make the area inviting for the visiting fishermen and spectators. (3) Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored for another year. (4) Weed-N-Feed was applied to Royal Palm and Central Avenue this week. A basic 10-10-10 was applied to Ponce de Leon, Berner and Ventura.
- Sidewalks: Basilian Crescent sidewalk project is nearing completion. The new sidewalk, driveway aprons, and sod have made a positive impact to the area.
- After 26 years of service to the City as a truck driver in the Solid Waste Division, Mr. Alvin Freeman has retired. We wish Mr. Freeman well in his retirement and thank him for his service. We welcome Maurice James who has come on to fill the position.
- Pasadena Project: Funding has been procured and a project number assigned by the FDOT. When the agreement between the City and the DOT is executed, we will start on construction plans for the project.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The Sports Complex personnel have moved and set-up a soccer field on Cane Field this week so that the Tigers boys and girls soccer teams can complete their season there. The Boys District Soccer Tournament will be hosted in Clewiston on January 22nd at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. and the Championship Game will be on January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. on Cane Field. GO TIGERS!
- Clewiston Recreation and East Hendry County Recreation's K-6 Basketball League began the 2nd half of the season this week. Games take place on Tuesday nights from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for K - 2nd grade, and Thursday night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for 3rd - 6th grade, and on Saturday for all ages between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Harlem Gym. This program has been very well received and parents, coaches and participants are asking when the next season will begin. Check our Fb page and website for specific team game times and team information.

- Infield clay has been delivered and we are placing it on the baseball/softball fields.
- Scoreboards are being checked and repaired, buildings, bleachers, sidewalks, bathrooms and concession stands are being pressure washed and cleaned and stocked at Sugarland Sports Complex in preparation for CHS Baseball & Softball and Clewiston Recreation Spring Sports.
- CHS Girls Softball began try-outs this week on Field #8. Their “Annual” Pre-Season Classic will take place at Sugarland Sports Complex on Field #8 on January 29 & 30. Games are scheduled to begin at 4:00, 5:30 & 7:00 p.m. both nights. Come out and support the Lady Tigers!
- Registrations are open for the upcoming 2015 Clewiston Recreation baseball & softball seasons. Uniforms are available to try on at the Youth Center. You can register on-line at www.clewistonrecreation.com or call 983-1492 for assistance.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577 for more information or contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492. Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew is burying the power lines for the lights at the boat basin. They also installed cutouts on the feed to U.S. Sugar at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Pole change outs continue.
- The Water Crew is installing a water line at the boat basin for both floating docks and at the monument.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov, or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history, and request certain work orders. You can register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.